

**Change in Washington Earnings, 1989-1999:
A Report Based on the Census**

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**How Much Did Men and Women Work
in 1999 Compared with 1989?**

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In 1999, men were more likely to work full-time¹ than women, but the gap between male and female rates of full-time work declined slightly between 1989 and 1999 (see Table 1). From 1989 to 1999, women increased their rate of full-time work from 37 percent to 41 percent while men's rate of full-time work remained relatively constant. Between 1989 and 1999, the percentage of men without employment increased by 2 points.

**Table 1 – Change in the Distribution of Adults Aged 18 to 64
by Sex and Work Level: 1989-1999**

	1989	1999	1999-1989
Men			
No Earnings	9%	11%	2%
Part-Time	28%	25%	-2%
Full-Time	63%	64%	0%
Women			
No Earnings	24%	23%	-2%
Part-Time	39%	37%	-2%
Full-Time	37%	41%	4%

¹ Full-time work is defined as working 35 or more hours a week, 45 or more weeks a year, and having non-zero earnings. Part-time work is defined by non-zero earnings, and working less than 35 hours a week or less than 45 weeks a year. No earnings is simply defined as having zero earnings.